

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

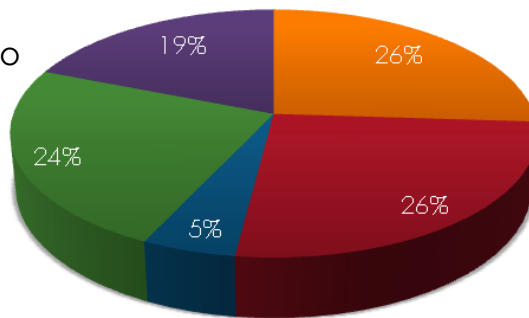
Buffalo County

+ \$34,070,000

TAX CUTS

684,000 Nebraskans are benefitting from the Making Work Pay tax cut, putting \$9 million per week into Nebraskans' pockets, or \$346 million last year¹. The Making Work Pay tax cut put **\$8.8 million** back into the economy of Buffalo County in 2009².

Division of Funding in Buffalo County



- Making Work Pay tax cut
- Education
- Loan Assistance
- Community Improvement
- Roads

EDUCATION

Buffalo County's school districts were saved from making further cuts to their budgets through the use of over **\$8,627,000** in Recovery Act funds, including over³:

Amherst Public Schools	\$269,000
Elm Creek Public Schools	\$472,000
Gibbon Public Schools	\$754,000
Kearney Public Schools	\$5,758,000
Kearney West High School	\$9,000
Pleasanton Public Schools	\$201,000
Ravenna Public Schools	\$394,000
Shelton Public Schools	\$507,000
Educational Service Unit #10*	\$263,000



University of Nebraska - Kearney

- \$173,000 - Pell Grants and research⁴
- \$186,000 - INBRE Scholars Program⁵

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Over **\$8,239,000** in community improvement projects were funded through the Recovery Act, including over:



☆ Housing

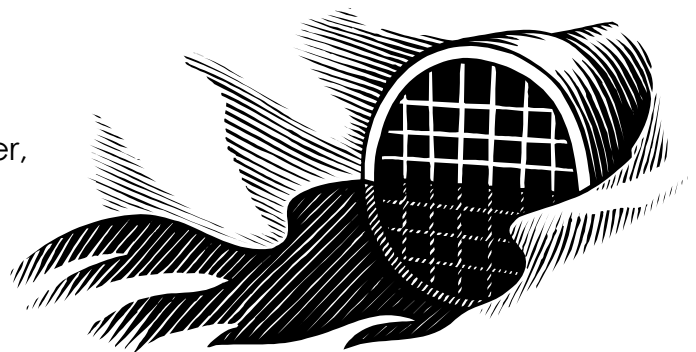
- \$286,000 - Kearney Housing Authority - new water heaters and HVAC units in elderly housing
- \$61,000 - Gibbon Housing Authority - gutter replacements⁷
- \$29,000 - Ravenna Housing Authority - site improvements
- \$26,000 - Shelton Housing Authority - window replacements⁸
- \$1,287,000 - PEDCOR Investments L.P. – Tax Credit Assistance Program to provide funding assistance for affordable rental housing projects⁹

☆ Human Services

- \$50,000 - The Safe Center - prevent violence against women
- \$27,000 - South-Central Area Agency on Aging - meal delivery
- \$76,000 - Buffalo County – justice assistance
- \$5,075,000 - Mid Nebraska Community Action, Inc.¹⁰
 - \$207,000 - staff retention
 - \$2,424,000 - Weatherization Assistance Program
 - \$511,000 - Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program
 - \$889,000 - reduce poverty and assist low income families
 - \$502,000 - new transit vehicles
 - \$542,000 - Early Head Start

☆ Community Facilities

- \$131,000 - City of Kearney - upgrade facility lighting
- \$865,000 - City of Kearney - water, sewer, and road extension to businesses in Kearney¹¹
- \$326,000 - Pleasanton Village Office – Revolving loan fund for wastewater treatment facilities¹²



LOAN ASSISTANCE

Over **\$1,745,000** in loans were awarded to individuals in Buffalo County, including¹³:

- \$948,000 - Agricultural Credit Insurance Direct Operating Loans & Loan Subsidies
- \$797,000 - Rural Housing Insurance Guaranteed Loans



FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER CREDIT

More than 22,000 Nebraskans benefited from the First Time Homebuyer tax credit, returning more than **\$155.8 million** to the Nebraska economy from 2008 to 2010¹⁴.

ROADS

Many road projects were made possible through the Recovery Act. Buffalo County was given over **\$6,300,000** for road projects, including over¹⁵:

☆ Resurfacing

- \$2,318,000 - US-30 in Kearney
- \$1,321,000 - city-wide in Kearney

☆ Reconstruction

- \$2,418,000 - reconstruct 39th Street from Pony Express to Avenue M in Kearney

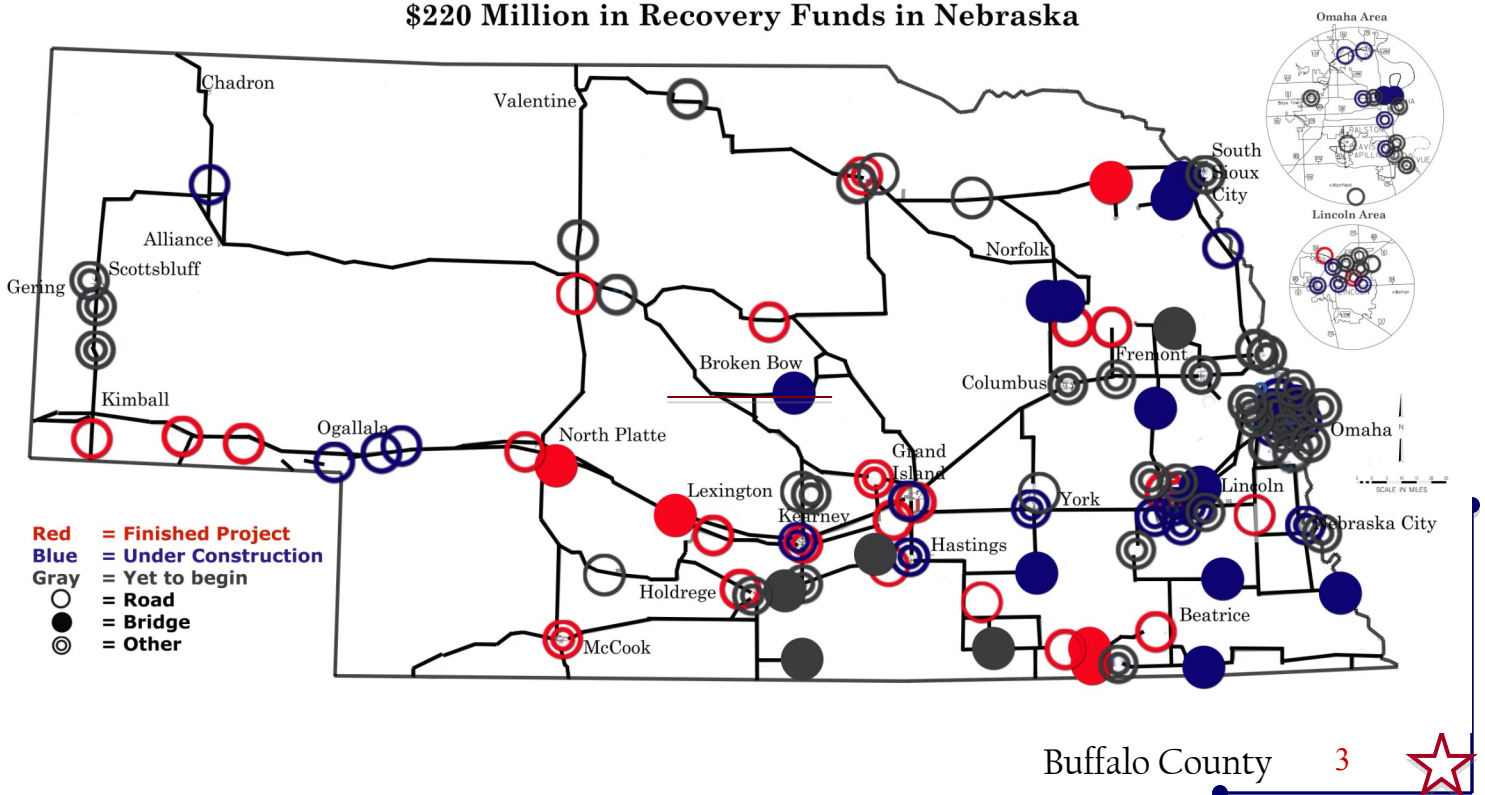


☆ Restoration

- \$243,000 - restoration of historic depot in Pleasanton's park

Road Map to Recovery

\$220 Million in Recovery Funds in Nebraska



Summary

Tax Cuts	\$8,800,000
Education	\$8,986,000
Loan Assistance	\$1,745,000
Community Improvement	\$8,239,000
Roads	\$6,300,000
Total	\$34,070,000



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This information is accurate as of September 15, 2010

* These school districts are located in multiple counties.

